

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Lemmons, III, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2005 meeting.

Representative Vander Veen supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 83 before the committee.

SB 83 Cassis Education; special; membership on special education advisory board; revise.

Kristin Fair, representing Senator Cassis's Office, testified in support of SB 83.

Ann Blankenhorn, the Education Policy Advisor for the Senate, testified in support of SB 83.

Joanne Winkleman, representing the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, testified in support of SB 83. Questions and discussion followed.

Brain Whiston, representing Oakland Schools, submitted a card in support of SB 83, but did not wish to speak.

Don Olendorf, representing Small and Rural Schools, submitted a card in support of SB 83, but did not wish to speak.

Stephanie Wuttke, representing the Michigan Association of School Psychologists and the Michigan Association of School Social Workers, testified in support of SB 83.

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education, submitted a card in support of SB 83, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Pearce moved to report SB 83 with recommendation.

Representative Miller supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 83 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 4278 before the committee.

HB 4278 Gosselin Education; graduation requirements; community service as a condition of graduation; prohibit.

Representative Gosselin testified in support of HB 4278. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair read the following cards in opposition to HB 4278, and announced that HB 4278 will be taken up at a future date:

Brian Whiston, representing the Michigan Parent, Teacher, and Student Association, and Oakland Schools,

David Michelson, representing the Michigan Education Association,

Don Olendorf, representing Michigan Small and Rural Schools,

Jim Ballard, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals,

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:00 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
July 13, 2005
1 hour 30 minutes

Date Approved and Signed